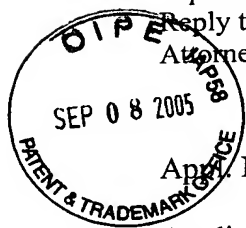


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 4, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks, along with a Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee. A one-month extension of time would bring the response due date to September 4, 2005. Since September 4, 2005 fell on a Sunday, and September 5, 2005 was a Federal holiday, this response is being timely filed on Tuesday, September 6, 2005. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the requisite fee are filed contemporaneously herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 17 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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